

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 18-53 will be pending. Claims 48 and 49 have been amended and claims 50-53 have been added to more fully claim the invention as originally disclosed. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In a telephone conversation with the Examiner, the Examiner indicated that claims 48 and 49, as amended by this Supplemental Amendment, are generic to the embodiments originally and currently claimed.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 48-53 are allowable over the references of record and thus all pending claims are in condition for allowance. The arguments presented with the Amendments filed on December 9, 2002 and February 24, 2003 provide further basis of patentability.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are now believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached Appendix is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made"**.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

48. (Amended) A TV observation system for an endoscope comprising:
an endoscope; and
a small-sized light source unit,
wherein said endoscope is structurally separated into an insertion part and a proximal holding part continuously extending from said insertion part,
wherein said endoscope comprises a light guide arranged from a distal end of said insertion part through said proximal holding part,
wherein said proximal holding part is provided with a light guide joint section where an entrance end face of said light guide is fixed,
wherein said small-sized light source unit comprises at least two of a shortened light guide cable, a plurality of [small-sized] LEDs, a compounding optical system configured to compound light emitted by said plurality of [small-sized] LEDs and a [battery] power supply,
and
wherein said small-sized light source unit is constructed and arranged to be removably connected with said light guide joint section.

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49. (Amended) A TV observation system for an endoscope comprising:
an endoscope;
a small-sized light source unit; and
an attachment TV camera,
wherein said endoscope is structurally separated into an insertion part and a proximal holding part continuously extending from said insertion part,
wherein said endoscope comprises a light guide arranged from a distal end of said insertion part through said proximal holding part,
wherein said proximal holding part is provided with a light guide joint section where an entrance end face of said light guide is fixed,
wherein said proximal holding part is provided with an eyepiece section, said attachment TV camera is constructed and arranged to removably mount on the eyepiece section,

wherein said small-sized light source unit comprises at least two of a shortened light guide cable, a plurality of [small-sized] LEDs, a compounding optical system configured to compound light emitted by said plurality of [small-sized] LEDs and a [battery] power supply, and

wherein said small-sized light source unit is constructed and arranged to be removably connected with said attachment TV camera.

New claims 50-53 have been added.